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Tiger Woods takes a swing Thursday, the first day of the Presidents Cup in South Africa.

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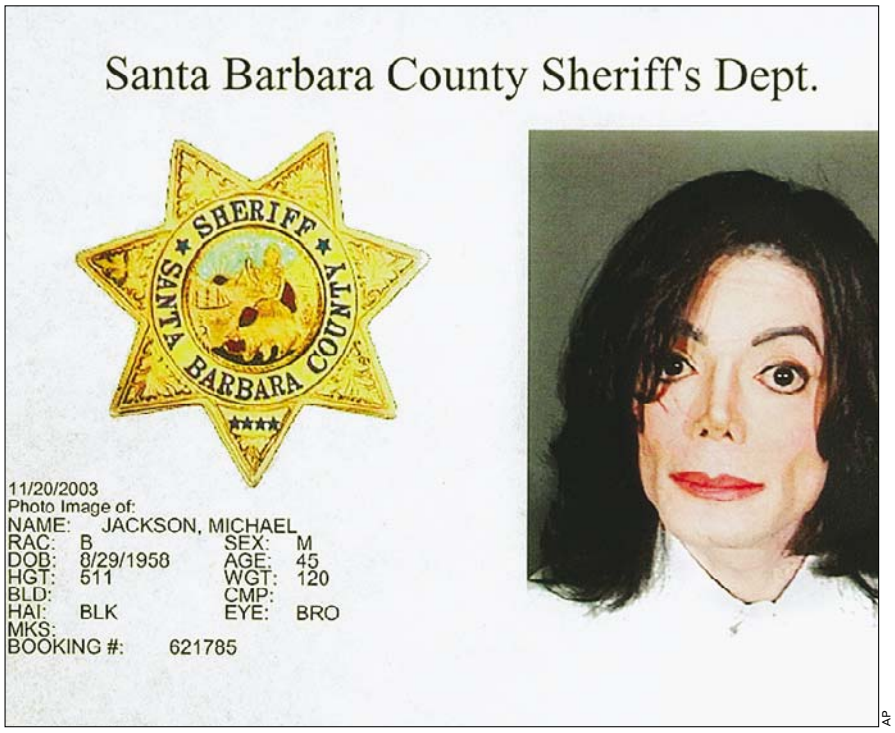

AP

BOOKED: Pop star Michael Jackson's mug shot and personal details are shown on this release from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department after Jackson turned himself in and was booked on child molestation charges Thursday. ✤ **More:** The King of Pop faces the music | Page 3

Jury Mulls Muhammad's Fate

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | Prosecutors urged jurors on Thursday to recommend a death sentence for sniper John Allen Muhammad, saying evidence that Muhammad was once a good family man is irrelevant stacked against the terror of last year's killing spree.

Prosecutor James Willett did not dispute that, at one point, Muhammad may have been a good father to his children.

But "that person no longer exists. ... That person was murdered by this embodiment of malice ... just as viciously and just as completely as everybody else," Willett said, pointing to Muhammad. "This is not a question of whether there once was a good father, whether there once was a good husband."

The jury will begin deliberations Friday on whether Muhammad should receive death or life in prison without parole for his role in last year's three-week sniper spree that left 10 people dead and three wounded in the D.C. area.

The defense argued that a death penalty against Muhammad would actually be more difficult for Muhammad's children than for Muhammad himself. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Turkey Hit Again by Bombings

At least 27 dead as country suffers worst terrorist attack

ISTANBUL, TURKEY | Suicide bombers targeted Turkey for the second time in a week on Thursday, detonating trucks laden with explosives in front of the British consulate and a London-based bank, killing at least 27 people — including the British consul general.

The explosions, the worst terror attacks in the Muslim nation's history, came just days after suicide bombers struck two Istanbul synagogues, killing 23. Officials have blamed al Qaeda for the series of attacks.

At least 450 people were injured in Thursday's attacks, Turkish officials said. British Consul-General Roger Short and his personal assistant Lisa Hallworth were among the dead.

Turkish Premier Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed to defeat the attackers, who struck during the Islamic month of Ramadan.

"Those who bloodied this holy day and massacred innocent people will account for it in both worlds," he said. LOUIS MEIXLER (AP)

OSMAN ORSAL/AP

Blast victims are comforted at an Istanbul hospital.

INNOVATIONS | **Talking Trash** Fed up with garbage-strewn streets? Berlin thinks it's found a solution: trash cans that say thank you. Next spring, the German capital's trash service will build electronics into a handful of the city's 20,000 street-side bins allowing them to speak or sing to the public, a spokesman said Thursday. The talking trash cans, powered by solar cells, are meant to show that Berlin is "a modern city with high-tech services, and that it is also very cosmopolitan," he added. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

KATSUMI KASAHARA/AP

TECHNOLOGY

Tiny Copter

Need to airlift an ant? Seiko Epson Corp.'s "Micro Flying Robot" might be just the thing. The device, unveiled at the International Robot Exhibition in Tokyo on Thursday, is believed to be the world's lightest and smallest robot helicopter. Weighing only 8.9 grams, the four-legged mini-copter is equipped with four micro actuators to drive two rotors and stabilizing units that make it fly and balance in the air. It gets its power through a cable, but flies by remote control. (AP)

SPORTS

Beer, Slightly Used

A concessions worker filled used plastic cups with beer and resold them at a Tampa Bay Buccaneers game, pocketing $1,080 in unreported sales, police said. John Angelus Keene, 68, was charged with felony grand theft, said Tampa, Fla., police Detective Bill Todd. Todd said he observed Keene picking up used cups from tables and refilling them without rinsing them during Sunday's game. Keene told police he planned to turn in the cash. He was released from jail on $2,000 bail on Monday. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH

D'oh! A Deer

Laura Lee Nicholas heard a couple of taps on her Crookston, Minn., ground-floor bedroom window Wednesday morning. "All of a sudden, I heard this really bad crash," the 21-year-old college student said. "I thought it was a burglar." She hid under her blanket, but peeked out after the noise subsided to grab her cell phone. That's when she saw a deer staring right back at her. She still called police, and two officers quickly led the deer back outside. It was turned over to a humane society. (AP)

HEALTH

Saving Face

Forget plastic surgery — someday you may be able to get a brand new face. Researchers in the U.S. and Britain are developing a complex surgery allowing doctors to attach a donor face from a dead person to a living patient. Britain's Royal College of Surgeons said this week it's not averse to the idea, but said more research is necessary, Britain's Sky News reported. (EXPRESS)

LAW

Flash, Camera

Police in Columbus, Ohio, believe they have caught a man known as the "naked photographer," who is accused of sneaking up on women while wearing little more than a baseball cap and photographing their shocked expressions. Officers arrested a naked man late Wednesday night in an alley. Police believe he keeps the pictures as souvenirs. (AP)

HOLIDAY CHEER

Chop and Sniff

There's a stinky surprise waiting for thieves who snatch pine trees from the University of Minnesota to use as Christmas trees: Instead of the smell of a freshly-cut tree, they'll get a whiff of roadkill skunk. The university is spraying anything that looks like a holiday tree with skunk scent ordered from a West Virginia trapping store. (AP)

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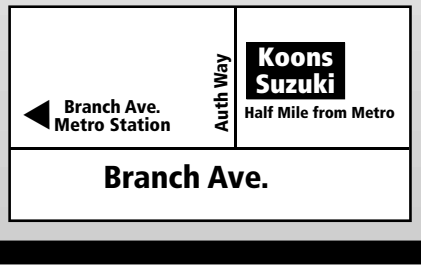

Nation

In Brief

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Embattled Broward County Elections Supervisor Fired

Gov. Jeb Bush removed Broward County Elections Supervisor Miriam Oliphant from office Thursday, citing neglect and incompetence, including an embarrassing 2002 primary marked by bad ballots and uncounted votes. She can ask the state Senate to review the decision and reinstate her. (AP)

SEATTLE

Professor Suspended for Animal Research Violations

The University of Washington suspended an assistant professor from using animals in research for violations such as allegedly cutting the tips of mouse tails without anesthesia. Chen Dong, an assistant professor of immunology, failed to get necessary approval for some of his research, including one study published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, The Seattle Times reported. (AP)

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Man Chokes to Death on Pot

A man changing a flat tire choked to death on a bag of marijuana he had stuffed down his throat in an apparent attempt to hide it from police who stopped to help him, authorities said. Nickolas Sandoval, 24, died Wednesday. Officers were unaware at first that Sandoval had drugs when they spotted him on the highway in Corinth, about 45 miles northeast of Fort Worth, officials said. Sandoval had been convicted at least three times of marijuana possession. (AP)

FLOODS | MISSING THE POINT

KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

SOGGY PITTSBURGH: The outer edge of the fountain at Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh can just be seen below the floodwaters of the Allegheny River, top, and the Monongahela, bottom, on Thursday. Rains in the region brought the rivers out of their banks, flooding the city's low-lying areas.

BY THE NUMBERS: The nation's syphilis rate has climbed for the second year in a row, mostly because of an increase in cases among gay and bisexual men, the government said Thursday. Between 2001 and 2002, the syphilis rate rose 9.1 percent from 2.2 cases per 100,000 people to 2.4 cases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. (AP)

Jackson Booked in Molestation Case

Pop star led into Calif. jail in handcuffs, freed on $3 million bail

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. | A handcuffed Michael Jackson walked into the Santa Barbara jail on Thursday to face child molestation charges that could send the pop superstar to prison for years if he is convicted.

Jermaine Jackson angrily defended his brother in an interview with CNN.

"The whole family supports Michael 100 percent, 1,000 percent. Michael is innocent," he said Thursday.

Earlier in the day, Jackson's attorney, Mark Geragos, confirmed that the surrender was being arranged in Santa Barbara, where throngs of camera crews and news reporters awaited his arrival.

Authorities announced Wednesday that an arrest warrant alleging child molestation had been issued. He had not been formally charged.

NAMY. HUH/AP

Michael Jackson is led into the Santa Barbara jail in handcuffs on Thursday.

Jackson now faces charges of committing lewd or lascivious acts with a child under age 14, punishable by three to eight years in prison, law enforcement officials said. His attorney is also the defense attorney in the Laci Peterson murder case.

JEFF WILSON (AP)

HEARSAY | SICK

"You go out to eat and you think you're safe and you end up sick. ... I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemy."

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Ohio Church Fined in Sex Abuse Case

CINCINNATI | The Archdiocese of Cincinnati pleaded no contest Thursday to charges of failing to tell authorities about sex abuse allegations against priests, becoming just the third Roman Catholic diocese to strike a deal with prosecutors in a criminal investigation.

Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Richard Niehaus fined the archdiocese $10,000 on five misdemeanor counts.

The no contest plea is not an admission of guilt — the Cincinnati Archdiocese acknowledged no wrongdoing — but means the defendant will not fight the charges.

Allen said that under the agreement the archdiocese will institute reporting safeguards even stronger than those required by Ohio law.

The archdiocese will establish a $3 million fund to compensate abuse victims, even those who cannot sue because the statute of limitations has expired.

TERRY KINNEY (AP)

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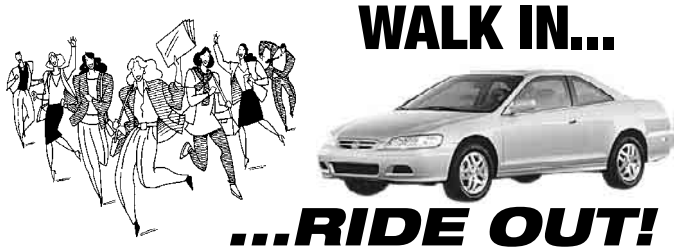

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The Day Dallas Can't Shake

City's memory remains crisp 40 years after John F. Kennedy's death

DALLAS | Moments before President John F. Kennedy's limousine reached the Texas School Book Depository on that November afternoon four decades ago, Nellie Connally, wife of Texas governor John Connally, turned to Kennedy and remarked, "No one can say Dallas doesn't love and respect you, Mr. President."

"You sure can't," he said.

The first shot sounded like a firecracker. The next two were unmistakably gunfire.

At the 40th anniversary of Kennedy's death, the assassination is still a source of fascination for the estimated 2.2 million people who visit Dealey Plaza each year. In Dallas itself, the anguish for some still seems as fresh as it was 40 years ago.

"There are people who lived in Dallas in '63 who will never come to this site. It is too painful," said Jeff West of The Sixth Floor Museum, which chronicles Kennedy's life, death and the era in which he lived.

But for others, acknowledging Dallas's place in history helped the healing. "There are people who were here in '63 who are very proud and pleased that we did something to ... mark the spot," West said.

BOBBY ROSS JR. AND PENNY COCK (AP)

The alleged assassin: "Frontline" executive producer Michael Sullivan discusses the PBS documentary, "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?" | Today at 11 a.m. at washingtonpost.com/liveonline

AP

A crowd welcomes President Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, as they arrive at the airport in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The president was assassinated later that day.

For Nellie Connally, It's Like Yesterday

DALLAS | President John F. Kennedy's assassination still kindles vivid memories — especially for those with an inside view. Even today, Nellie Connally watches her back.

Then the first lady of Texas, she witnessed the enthusiastic crowds that greeted Kennedy along the motorcade route through downtown Dallas. She also had a front-row seat for the shooting that killed Kennedy and wounded her husband.

"For many weeks, it was like a phonograph record," she said of the assassination. "Now it is pushed back into the back of my mind, never to be forgotten.

"It'll be with me forever, but I don't have to live with it every day." (AP)

IKE ALTGENS/AP

A Secret Service agent rides on the car's bumper after the president was shot.

Music Producer Charged With Murder

Phil Spector has denied killing actress found dead in his home

ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA | Record producer Phil Spector, the 1960s recording-studio wizard who created pop music's Wall of Sound, was charged Thursday with murder in the shooting death of a woman at his home last February.

Spector, 63, was expected to be arraigned later Thursday in the slaying of 40-year-old Lana Clarkson, a B-movie actress and model found dead in the foyer of his Alhambra mansion.

Spector

He has been free on $1 million bail since his arrest for investigation of murder shortly after the shooting Feb. 3.

The felony complaint did not specify whether prosecutors will seek a first-degree or second-degree murder conviction. District Attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said the charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison with a possibility of parole.

Spector's lawyer, Robert Shapiro, did not immediately return a phone call from The Associated Press. But Spector's close friend, attorney Marvin Mitchelson, said, "I am shocked, saddened. But I fully believe that time will prove Phil's complete innocence."

Spector has denied he killed Clarkson, suggesting in an Esquire magazine interview that she may have shot herself. LINDA DEUTSCH (AP)

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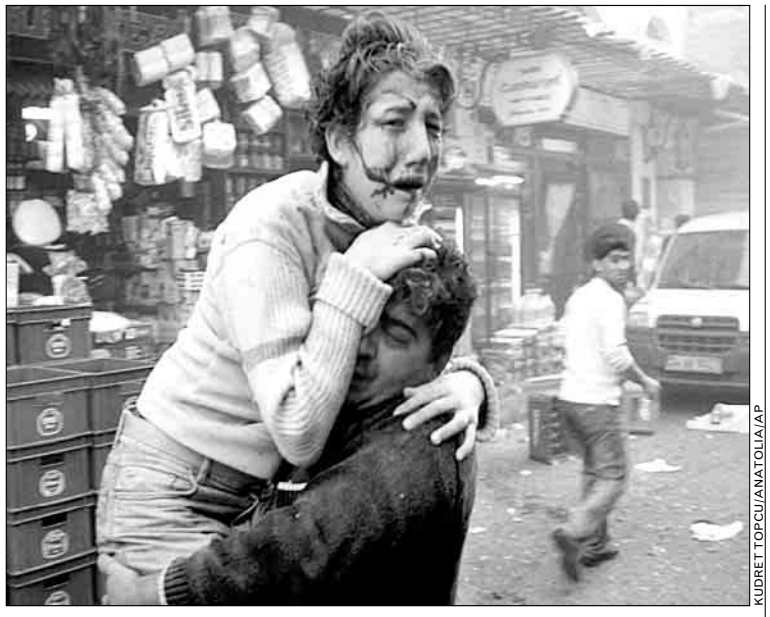

KUDRET TOPCU/ANATOLIA/AP

A woman is helped after an explosion outside the British Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey. Two suicide truck bombs hit the city on Thursday, killing at least 27 people.

Blair Defends U.K.'s Alliance With U.S.

British PM says latest attacks shouldn't be blamed on Bush visit

LONDON | British Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed "no compromise" with terrorists Thursday after truck-bomb blasts targeted British interests in Istanbul, Turkey, killing at least 27 people.

Up to 14 consulate staff were believed killed, a British official said Thursday on condition of anonymity, including the consul-general in Istanbul, Roger Short.

The attacks occurred on the second full day of President George W. Bush's state visit to Britain, and while both British and U.S. officials speculated the timing was deliberate, Blair said the attacks could not be blamed on Bush's visit, nor the U.S.-British alliance.

"There must be no holding back, no compromise, no hesitation in confronting this menace, in attacking it wherever and whenever we can and in defeating it utterly," Blair said, speaking alongside Bush at a joint news conference.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the attacks bore "all the hallmarks" of al Qaeda, but added it was unclear who was responsible. (AP)

On the scene: An upscale Istanbul neighborhood erupts in a nightmare of shattered glass | Today's Post: Section A

BY THE NUMBERS: The U.N. winds up its oil-for-food program for Iraq on Friday and will transfer responsibility to the U.S.-led coalition. The program, which lasted seven years, had been feeding 90% of Iraq's population. (AP)

Truck Bomb in Iraq Hits Key U.S. Ally

KIRKUK, IRAQ | A truck bomb exploded near a Kurdish party office in this northern oil city Thursday, killing five people and wounding 30 in an attack local officials blamed on Islamic militants linked to al Qaeda.

The powerful explosion at the offices of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan also blew out windows of a nearby television station.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan is one of two ethnic Kurdish parties that have supported the U.S.-led coalition. The PUK leader, Jalal Talabani, is now president of the U.S.-installed Governing Council.

Jalal Johar, a PUK official, blamed Ansar al-Islam, a militant Kurdish group linked to the al Qaeda terror network. (AP)

In Brief

MIDEAST

Palestinian Militant Groups To Attend Cairo Truce Talks

Thirteen Palestinian factions, including major militant groups, have agreed to attend truce talks in Cairo next month, and Palestinian officials said Thursday they expect the conference to be successful provided Israel agrees to halt military operations. A truce is key to reviving the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, but repeated cease-fire deals brokered in the past three years, including by Egypt, have collapsed. (AP)

SAUDI ARABIA

U.S. to Fingerprint Those Seeking Visas to America

U.S. authorities here will begin fingerprinting all people in Saudi Arabia applying for visas to visit America, the U.S. Embassy said in a statement Thursday. The new measure will begin Nov. 22 and will apply to people aged 14-79 of all nationalities. The stricter visa protocol comes two years after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, in which 15 of the 19 plane hijackers were Saudis. (AP)

PHILIPPINES

4 Suspected Members of Kidnapping Syndicate Killed

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said four suspected members of a major kidnapping syndicate were killed in a shootout with soldiers and police on Thursday. Among those killed was Roberto Yap, the alleged leader of the gang at the top of the government's list of most wanted kidnappers, Arroyo said. The shootout came two days after the body of a kidnapped senior Coca-Cola executive was found dumped by a roadside near Manila. (AP)

NIGERIA

14 ChevronTexaco Workers Kidnapped in Volatile Delta

Ethnic militants reportedly armed with automatic weapons were holding 14 Chevron-Texaco workers hostage aboard two ocean platforms off southeast Nigeria, company officials said Thursday. Hostage-takings are common in Nigeria's restive oil delta, where militants frequently target oil companies in a bid to extort payoffs. The hostages are rarely harmed. (AP)

World

U.N. Narrows List Of Iran's Suppliers

China, Pakistan and Russia likely sources of nuclear equipment

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | The U.N. atomic agency has identified Russia, China and Pakistan as probable sources for equipment used by Iran for possible nuclear weapons development, diplomats said Thursday.

The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity as the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency convened on Thursday to deliberate how to censure Tehran for its past cover-ups.

Identification of some of Iran's nuclear supplier nations brings the agency closer to solving the puzzle over Tehran's past nuclear activities, which the Americans and others say point to a weapons agenda.

While acknowledging that some of its enrichment centrifuges had traces of weapons-grade highly enriched uranium, Iran insists its enrichment program was only for power generation. It asserts the high-level traces were inadvertently imported on material it purchased abroad from third parties.

Russia's nuclear ministry on Thursday angrily rejected allegations that it had provided any technology that could assist Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program. GEORGE JAHN (AP)

JAPAN | PHONY PERSONALITY

KATSUMI KASAHARA/AP

PLASTIC POISE: A man greets "Actroid," a robot, at the International Robotic Exhibition in Tokyo on Thursday. Actroid's developers — Kokoro Co., a Japanese firm, and a research team at Osaka University — say that with natural arm movements and facial expressions, Actroid should be able to work as a guide at restaurants, hotels and museums.

Myanmar Penalized Under Patriot Act

BANGKOK, THAILAND | The U.S. Treasury Department has designated Myanmar and two of its private commercial banks as being of "primary money laundering concern," and said it plans to prohibit U.S. financial institutions from doing business with them.

The action against the Myanmar Mayflower Bank and the Asia Wealth Bank represents the first time the Treasury Department has used a section of the USA Patriot Act against specific foreign financial institutions, it said. The wide-ranging USA Patriot Act was passed to fight terrorism after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. The two Myanmar banks, however, are accused of having ties with narcotics traffickers rather than terrorists. GRANT PECK (AP)

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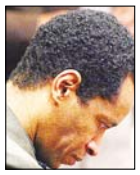
Region

Jurors See Softer Side of Muhammad

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | Jurors who will decide whether sniper John Allen Muhammad deserves the death penalty saw a different side of the convicted killer Thursday, watching a video in which he plays with his young children and encourages them to take their first steps.


Muhammad

"You can walk. Now go ahead and walk to daddy," he says as one of his daughters takes her first steps.

Defense lawyers focused on Muhammad's strong relationship with his children before resting their case during the penalty phase of the first sniper trial. Earlier this week, the same jury convicted him of capital murder for his role in last year's three-week sniper spree that left 10 people dead and three wounded in the Washington, D.C., area.

Muhammad appeared glum as he watched the tape — which was cut from 15 minutes to about five because of technical difficulties — alternately wearing a frown and hanging his head.

The tape was played immediately after Muhammad's sister, Aurolyn Williams, described the difficult circumstances of their early childhood.

Their mother died of breast cancer when Muhammad was 3 years old and she was in constant pain because they could not afford pain medication for her. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Stressed out: Abigail Trafford reports that jurors who serve on high-profile violent cases often experience nightmares, depression and stress | Today's Post, A1

Teenage Victim Details Shooting in Malvo's Trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | In Chesapeake, Va., 14-year-old Iran Brown testified in the trial of Lee Boyd Malvo that he thought he was going to die when he was hit by a bullet as he arrived at Tasker Middle School in Bowie, Md., on Oct. 7, 2002.

"My aunt drove me to school. I got out of the car, and I got shot," Brown said. Brown, 13 at the time, called for his aunt, got back into her car and was driven to a nearby medical center. "Then I told her I loved her," he said.

When prosecutor Raymond Morrogh asked Brown why he uttered those words, he replied, "I thought I was going to die." (AP)

ARBOREAL | CLONING

MATT HOUSTON/AP

GREEN THUMB: Md. Gov. Robert Ehrlich plants a white oak in Wye Mills, Md. The tree is a clone of the 450-year-old Wye Oak felled during a thunderstorm on June 6, 2002.

Metro Opens Bathroom Doors to Riders

WASHINGTON | Metro is opening a new door for customers — the one to the bathroom.

The transit authority's Board of Directors on Thursday gave final approval to a new policy clarifying access to the male and female commodes in rail stations.

Riders can request to use the bathroom in an emergency, if they are elderly or disabled or asking on behalf of a child. Station managers can refuse, but must file a report on the incident. (EXPRESS)

Region

MUSEUM | BEAM ME UP

LISA NIPP/AP

GROUNDED: The space shuttle Enterprise is moved on Thursday into the new Smithsonian Institution annex near Dulles Airport in Chantilly, Va. The annex is scheduled to open in December.

Metro Plans to Stay Underground in Snow

WASHINGTON | After last winter's Presidents' Day storm hobbled Metrorail for days, officials are updating plans on how the transit system should operate in the snow.

Metro officials said Thursday they plan to operate only underground stations — using about 50 rail cars — if a storm dumps eight or more inches of snow on the region. Trains would run about every half hour, but Metro hopes to get the word out well before then so most riders can make it home.

A total of 300 cars would be protected underground.

The Presidents' Day storm dumped 16 to 24 inches of snow on the region, leaving rail cars stuck in the yards. Metro didn't return to normal weekday service for six days, which angered many riders.

Under the new plan, Lem Proctor, Metrorail's chief operating officer, told board members that Metrorail could resume normal service in 48 hours.

Metro officials also said they hope the federal government will release workers early and at different times if a big storm hits.

"We can't be there for everyone if everyone wants to go to the same place at the same time," said board member Dana Kauffman.

CANDACE SMITH (AP)

4 Connected to Teachers' Union Scandal

WASHINGTON | Federal prosecutors announced four new indictments Thursday in their yearlong embezzlement and fraud investigation of the Washington Teachers' Union.

Gwendolyn M. Hemphill, the former executive assistant to the union's president, and James O. Baxter II, the former union treasurer, face charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud, money laundering and other offenses. Robin J. Klein, a certified public accountant from Rockville, Md., and James A. Goosby, a tax preparer from Upper Marlboro, Md., also face conspiracy, mail and wire fraud charges.

The indictment alleges that Hemphill, a D.C. resident, and Baxter, of Fort Washington, Md., stole more than $4 million from the union starting in 1995. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Twenty-three people have been indicted for their alleged roles in two separate drug operations in Prince George's County, federal authorities announced Thursday. U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio said 16 people were indicted on charges of drug trafficking, money laundering and possession of firearms, including Francisco Despiau, an alleged New York drug supplier who was the subject of a federal and local investigation. (AP)

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Money

Trade Framework Adopted

Ministers agree on plan for free-trade bloc in the Americas

MIAMI | Trade ministers from across the Americas, initially swamped by disagreement, gave final approval Thursday to a buffet-style framework for the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas, the world's largest free trade bloc, according to a spokesmen for the U.S. and Caribbean delegations.

Sheltered from sometimes violent protests outside their hotel, the ministers made no major changes to a text handed over by their deputies a day before. It allowed nations to pick and choose among thorny issues like agricultural subsidies and patent protection, prompting criticism that ministers were taking a step back.

The agreement is due to be reached by January 2005.

Thursday's declaration will now be turned over to negotiators for more work. TRACI CARL (AP)

DAVID ADAME/AP

Protester Alex Joyce holds up a sign near a wall of riot police Thursday in Miami.

BY THE NUMBERS: The government said Thursday that for the week ending Nov. 15, new claims for jobless benefits declined by a seasonally adjusted 15,000 to 355,000, the seventh straight week below the 400,000 mark. (AP)

125 Arrested in Cybercrime Crackdown

WASHINGTON | Federal prosecutors have charged more than 125 suspected computer hackers, identity thieves and other cyberspace scammers in a nationwide crackdown on Internet crime, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

The investigation has uncovered about 125,000 victims with losses topping $100 million over the past several months. Seventy indictments to date have led to arrests or convictions of 125 people, with more expected as the probe continues.

The crackdown stemmed from indications that Internet fraud continues to rise. The Internet Fraud Complaint Center, run in part by the FBI, referred some 58,000 complaints to law enforcement in the first nine months of 2003, up 10,000 from 2002. CURT ANDERSON (AP)

Pilgrim Baxter Founders Charged

NEW YORK | Federal and state regulators filed civil fraud charges against the two founders of the Pilgrim Baxter mutual fund family Thursday, saying they defrauded investors by allowing some customers to make in-and-out trades. The practice, known as market timing, is prohibited by fund policy.

The two were ousted last week from Pilgrim Baxter & Associates, which manages the fund family, because of improper trading. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ElderTrst	12.44	+1.88	+17.8
FootLockr	20.76	+2.46	+13.4
ClairesStr	44.55	+4.08	+10.1
CapSenL	5.73	+.48	+9.1
Miller h	6.15	+.48	+8.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Bombay	10.05	-2.13	-17.5
IntstHtls	5.00	-.90	-15.3
Gensco	15.85	-2.03	-11.4
Esco	39.93	-3.55	-8.2
OM Grp	21.54	-1.89	-8.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SRS Lbs	10.27	+1.98	+23.9
ErthShll rs	2.26	+.40	+21.4
BluCoat	18.95	+3.04	+19.1
BarrettB	13.33	+1.98	+17.5
KMG Ch	3.69	+.54	+17.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Dtawtch rs	5.45	-2.20	-28.8
NYHlthC n	3.00	-.74	-19.8
DigitRec	2.42	-.58	-19.3
Cosi Inc	2.09	-.42	-16.7
MedCath n	9.80	-1.86	-16.0

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-71.04	-17.73	-8.79
-0.73	-0.93	-0.84
9619.42	1881.92	1033.65

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.93	0.93
2-year	1.79	1.89
10-year	4.15	4.27
30-year	5.01	5.11

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5866	.5892	.6356
Canadian Dollar	1.3018	1.3054	1.5868
European Euro	.8389	.8414	.9982
Japanese Yen	108.79	109.30	122.65
Mexican Peso	11.1950	11.1910	10.1099
Taiwanese Dollar	34.00	34.00	34.87

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	73.92	-.75	+28.3
AstraZen	46.33	+.15	+32.0
BarrLab s	80.05	-1.09	+84.5
BrMySq	26.00	-.66	+12.3
ForestLb s	51.22	-1.06	+4.3
IvaxCp	19.50	-.16	+60.8
JohnJn	51.49	-.77	-4.1
LillyEli	71.53	-1.01	+12.6
Merck	45.16	-.99	-15.7
Mylan s	23.38	+.28	+50.7
Pfizer	33.65	-.77	+10.1
SchergPl	15.28	-.72	-31.2
ShirePh	24.37	-.23	+29.0
WatsnPh	45.66	+.18	+61.5
Wyeth	38.83	-1.04	+3.8

Sports

U.S. Loses Early Lead In Pres. Cup

OBED ZILWA/AP

America's Chris DiMarco reacts after missing a putt Thursday.

GOLF | Mike Weir showed guts and imagination, and the International team showed plenty of resolve in the Presidents Cup by rallying in three matches to take a 3 1/2-2 1/2 lead Thursday in South Africa.

The United States was hammered five years ago in Australia — the only other time these matches were played overseas — but was poised this year to take a commanding lead in the six alternate-shot matches.

The International team had other ideas.

Weir, the gritty Canadian who emerged as the highest-ranked lefty this year by winning the Masters, hit a 6-iron right at the flag on the 17th hole. He made it look easy, and Price lived up to his end of the bargain by making the putt.

Then on the par-5 18th, Price chipped up the ridge to 5 feet and Weir holed the birdie putt for a 1-up victory that swung momentum to the International side. (AP)

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

Day After Stabbing, Green's Fiancee Pleads Innocent

William Green's fiancee pleaded innocent Thursday to charges she stabbed the Cleveland Browns running back at their home. Green was wounded under his left shoulder blade during a fight Wednesday, police said. Asia Gray, who has two children with Green, is charged with assault and domestic violence, and if convicted on both counts could face two to eight years in prison. (AP)

TENNIS

Navratilova Leads U.S. Win

A U.S. team featuring unbeaten Fed Cup veteran Martina Navratilova beat Belgium in the semifinals and will fight for its 18th title this weekend against France, which eliminated Russia. Navratilova extended her unbeaten Fed Cup record to 38 matches when she and Lisa Raymond beat young Belgians Elke Clijsters and Caroline Maes 6-1, 6-4 for a 4-1 semifinal victory. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Vick Won't Play Sunday

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick missed practice Thursday and indicated he won't play against the Titans this weekend. Vick sprained his right ankle in a morning walkthrough Wednesday. (AP)

Ramsey Misses Practice Again With Injured Foot

PRO FOOTBALL | Patrick Ramsey did not practice again Thursday, and he planned to stay late to "try a bunch of things" to get his ailing foot well enough to play this week.

The Washington Redskins quarterback has been bothered by a flare-up of an old fracture in his right foot, an injury that needs rest and might require offseason surgery. He was given a cortisone shot Monday and has been wearing a protective boot.

"I feel better today than I did yesterday, and I'm going to stay here all evening," Ramsey said. "We're going to try a bunch of things to see if we can make it feel better."

If Ramsey can't play, Tim Hasselbeck will make his first NFL start Sunday night at Miami. (AP)

Redskins Running on Empty

Canidate has not been the answer for team's offensive problems

PRESTON KERES/TWP

Trung Canidate tries to avoid a tackle against the Patriots in a September game.

PRO FOOTBALL | Trung Canidate was hailed as a "home-run hitter in the backfield" on the day the Washington Redskins signed him. Instead, he's barely left the batter's box.

Canidate has been the biggest disappointment in an inconsistent running game this season, and he no longer appears to be considered as a possible answer to the team's long-range search for a primary back.

Among Canidate, Ladell Betts, Chad Morton and Rock Cartwright, it's apparent the Redskins haven't sufficiently filled the void they created when they cut Stephen Davis.

All four contenders have been injured, and Canidate remains the starter for the moment because he's the healthiest. He missed two games with a sprained ankle which still could be hampering him a bit, and his 347 yards on 87 carries makes him the team's leading rusher.

Canidate and Betts were a solid tandem in the Redskins' 3-1 start, but the big plays Canidate was supposed to provide haven't been there all season.

Canidate's longest run is 23 yards, and he has yet to score a rushing touchdown. He's caught just six passes for 66 yards, and his one touchdown catch was a trick play that called for him to run unnoticed to the end zone and wait for the ball. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

From the horses' mouths: Several Redskins, including starting tackle Jon Jansen, sound off on Sunday's game against the Dolphins| washingtonpost.com/sports

REDSKINS (4-6)

- **RB Trung Canidate**: 87 rushes, 347 yards, 0 TDs
- **WR Laveranues Coles**: 55 catches, 818 yards, 3 TDs
- **WR Rod Gardner**: 44 catches, 454 yards, 4 TDs

DOLPHINS (6-4)

- **RB Ricky Williams**: 246 rushes, 802 yards, 5 TDs; 34 catches, 217 yards, 1 TD
- **WR Chris Chambers**: 37 catches, 525 yards, 6 TDs; 2 rushes, 19 yards

Terrapins Will Have to Grow Up Fast

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | They're young and naive, so perhaps they simply don't know any better.

How else can one explain the confidence of a Maryland basketball team that expects to maintain its stature among the nation's elite?

Following a three-year run that included two straight trips to the Final Four and a national championship, the Terrapins will field a team that includes five freshmen and four sophomores.

Maryland was unranked in the AP preseason poll, ending a streak of 77 straight appearances. The Terrapins were also snubbed by the Atlantic Coast Conference media, which picked them to finish behind Duke, North Carolina and Wake Forest.

It's Maryland's youngest team since the 1993-94 squad, led by freshmen Joe Smith and Keith Booth, started the Terrapins' ongoing streak of 10 straight NCAA tournament appearances.

The youthful Terrapins will be asked to win and learn at the same time, beginning with Saturday's opener against American University.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Carolina and Dallas, both surprising division leaders, square off on Sunday

- **Detroit** at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
- **Jacksonville** at NY Jets, 1 p.m.
- **New Orleans** at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
- **Seattle** at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
- **New England** at Houston, 1 p.m.
- **Indianapolis** at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
- **Pittsburgh** at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
- **San Francisco** at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
- **Carolina** at Dallas, 1 p.m.
- **Chicago** at Denver, 4 p.m.
- **St. Louis** at Arizona, 4 p.m.
- **Cincinnati** at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
- **Oakland** at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m.
- **Tennessee** at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
- **Washington** at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24

- **NY Giants** at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Weekend's TV Lineup

PRO BASKETBALL (9 p.m. Friday on Comcast) The Washington Wizards visit Carmelo Anthony and the Denver Nuggets.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Noon Saturday on ABC) Ohio State and Michigan play for the Big 10 title.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (3:30 p.m. Saturday on ABC) Second place in the ACC is on the line when Maryland visit N.C. State.

GOLF (Noon Sunday on NBC) The final round of the President's Cup.

PRO FOOTBALL (1 p.m. Sunday on Fox) The Carolina Panthers try to hand the Dallas Cowboys their second straight loss.

PRO FOOTBALL (8:30 p.m. Sunday on ESPN) The Washington Redskins visit the Miami Dolphins.

Lookout

It's a Royal Mess

A mole uncovers Buckingham's ugly secrets

ROYALTY | A tabloid reporter's tale of working undercover as a Buckingham Palace footman has shocked British commentators.

That wallpaper!

That Tupperware and plastic yogurt pot on Her Majesty's breakfast table!

That "eat, drink and remarry" pillow in Prince Andrew's sitting room!

Thursday's newspapers had plenty of comment on the style — or lack of it — inside the palace. Nevermind the security implications of servants being hired despite providing false references.

The Daily Mirror's scoop in having reporter Ryan Parry work undercover as a royal footman for two months won the ultimate tribute from rival newspapers, which quoted at length and reprinted several of the pictures that Parry snapped while on duty.

"Have you seen that wallpaper?" Andrew Anthony wrote in The Guardian.

"To gaze at the red and pink flock paper that adorns the walls of Prince Andrew's bedroom is to be transported back to 1973 in the unused upstairs room of your local pub where tuneless rock bands used to practice," Anthony wrote.

Walter Bagehot, a 19th-century political commentator, had warned against this kind of scrutiny.

JASON REED/REUTERS

WHAT A DUMP: "We have the most amusing mirrored bar signs over our guest commode." "Not the one with the peein' dog! We've got that, too."

"Above all things our royalty is to be reverenced, and if you begin to poke about it you cannot reverence it," he wrote. " ... Its mystery is its life. We must not let in daylight upon magic."

Buckingham Palace went to court Thursday, winning an injunction to stop the Daily Mirror from printing any more of Parry's discoveries pending a full hearing.

This week's stories weren't as damaging as years of coverage of the Charles and Diana marriage, or the photos of a topless Duchess of York, or the recent kerfuffle over the unpublished rumor so firmly denied by Prince Charles.

But as the nation contemplated the wallpaper, the mystique of the monarchy died a little bit more. It was all so suburban, so yesterday.

"'Footman' exposes Tupperware secret of the queen's table," read a headline on The Daily Telegraph's front page.

The Daily Mail annotated a photo of a royal breakfast table, noting the adjustable lamp ("circa 1975"), the plastic containers of cereal, the pot of yogurt, the portable radio and the "old-fashioned telephone."

"These are constant reminders of bygone years when the lives of the royals were so much gentler and less troubled," the report said.

"The poor dear queen can't win," Lucia van der Post wrote in The Times. Either she redecorates, and is criticized for extravagance, or does nothing and is derided as a fuddy-duddy.

And in an editorial, The Independent noted: "The real importance of the story is nothing to do with security. It is that it is yet another example of the Brits' unerring ability to focus on what really matters: in this case, the queen's breakfast habits." ROBERT BARR (AP)

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SOFA, SO BAD: "Adorable" child actors, a grown man in a creepy fur suit, and an oversize pea-green couch — what's not to like about the latest Dr. Seuss adaptation?

Have Fun, *or Else*

The loud, frenzied, coarse 'Cat in the Hat' is just what kids don't need

FILM | The cat in the hat has come back, and he may put you and the kids in the mood for an evening alone with Dr. Seuss's original picture book to fumigate the stink of this awful live-action adventure.

Shrill, boorish and witless, "Dr. Seuss' the Cat in the Hat" is as crass and cluttered as its predecessor, "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," the first live adaptation of one of Theodor Geisel's children's tales.

Yet "Cat in the Hat" lacks the one saving grace of that earlier movie, Jim Carrey's whirlwind central character. As the Cat, Mike Myers is irritating and unamusing.

And while the Grinch was meant to be menacing, the Cat ends up a scarier figure thanks to his creepy facial design and Myers's overly frisky demeanor, reminiscent of the funny uncle who should never be left home alone with the kids.

First-time director Bo Welch, better known as a production designer, crafts a visually overbearing movie. The performances he coaxes from Myers and the co-stars amount to distasteful tumult that's hard to endure.

From a whimsical little rhyme about a feline that teaches two bored siblings a lesson on having fun, the filmmakers have strung together the insufferable story of a single mom (Kelly Preston), her control-freak daughter (Dakota Fanning) and reckless son (Spencer Breslin).

The desperately frenzied pace fails to cover up the story's utter emptiness. All "The Cat in the Hat" offers is the shallow message that to have fun, you must know how. The trappings Welch hangs on this thread of story are vulgar, a sensory overload of garish pastels and cloying characters.

Sean Hayes is disagreeable as mom's germ-phobic boss and the voice of the family's whiny goldfish. The Cat's helpers, Thing 1 and Thing 2, are in the running for most obnoxious-looking and -sounding creatures ever to appear in a family film.

The most alarming thing is that there's a ready-made sequel with Geisel's follow-up book, "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back." Here's hoping this screen cat has just one life to live. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Sold Out for 50 Cent

MUSIC | Brag about crime, girls and riches. Drawl or chant the chorus over full-bodied, creative production. Rinse, repeat.

50 Cent perfected the hit formula on his debut album, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," and isn't about to let it go as he teams with Young Buck and Lloyd Banks as G-Unit to present "Beg for Mercy" (Interscope).

This lean album delivers the same kind of oddly catchy choruses, boastful lyrics and brilliant beats that made 50's debut a hit.

Unapologetically shallow and arrogant, they celebrate cars and diamonds on "Stunt 101" and give the thumbs-up to "Groupie Love," one of two songs featuring jailed fourth group member Tony Yayo.

Such braggadocio is authentic and often fun, but the group sounds downright dishonest on radio-targeted mid-tempo tracks. The real star is the production.

More than 16 producers pack the 18 songs with guitars, bells, orchestral swells and computer sounds — and the results are jaw-dropping. The haunting "Footprints" incorporates a whispering flute and gospel sample, and Dre's work on "Poppin' Them Thangs" and sinister "G'd Up" upstages the words.

50 Cent's presence ensures that G-Unit's debut album sounds more like his second solo outing.

"Beg for Mercy" shows that matching his cocky star quality with top-notch production has become mainstream hip-hop's most successful new formula. RYAN PEARSON (AP)

STUART RAMSON/AP

Rapper 50 Cent (center) gives a boost to some homies by forming G-Unit.

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's Washington Post.

Delicious and Satisfying: Four friends become increasingly honest with each other as the night wears on. Desson Thomson pulls up a chair for "Melvin Goes to Dinner." | *Weekend*

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Desson, the Sequel: Weekend section film critic Desson Howe is now Desson Thomson. Find out more at washingtonpost.com/liveonline, where his Nov. 10 chat has been archived.

Got Plans?

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I'm planning on taking my boyfriend to the D.C. Improv. Is it better to eat dinner there to get better seats, or book a table somewhere else close by?

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CHRISTOPHER O. BANKS

Boxers or briefs? Nigel Reed, Michael Glenn and Chris Davenport talk 'pants.

MGM HOME ENTERTAINMENT

MOORE TO LOVE: Maud Adams's "Octopussy" holds Bond's attention eight ways.

Undressed to Kill

DVD | One was a fashion model, one a professional ice skater and another an actress living in the shadow of her famous sister.

But Maud Adams, Lynn-Holly Johnson and Lana Wood are now forever known as "Bond women." As MGM released three DVD packages this week in the United States with all 20 of its James Bond movies — from "Dr. No" to "Die Another Day" — the actresses spoke about their screen romances with 007.

Adams was already a fashion and magazine model when producer Albert R. "Cubby" Broccoli offered her the chance to co-star in 1964's "The Man with the Golden Gun" as Andrea Anders, the title character's mistress.

After appearing in such movies as "Rollerball" (1975) and "Tattoo" (1981), she returned as a new Bond love interest, a sexy smuggler named "Octopussy."

"I thought, 'Surely they're kidding,'" she said. "But it was a little bit of a spoof, and part of the fun was being coy with the name."

The amorous Bond isn't known for turning down a romp in the sack, but Lynn-Holly Johnson was one temptress whose charms didn't work. She was the baby-doll Bibi Dahl in 1981's "For Your Eyes Only," playing an ice skater with Olympic hopes and a crush on Moore's Bond. "Put your clothes on and I'll buy you ice cream," he tells her.

Lana Wood, the sister of actress Natalie Wood, was immortalized in 1971's "Diamonds Are Forever" as Plenty O'Toole.

"But of course you are," Sean Connery says. After meeting Bond in a casino, they retire to a hotel room. Goons interrupt the romance and toss her out a window.

"I was just in these little panties," she said. "I was worried that people would see me, but the filmmakers said 'No, don't be silly. It's three in the morning.' So I get up on the guy's shoulders and ... see nothing but staring faces from every window." ANTHONY BRECZNICAN (AP)

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ANYONE HAVE A COMB? Halle Berry is anguished by a lack of grooming products.

Nothing to Fear

The atmospheric thriller 'Gothika' is less than spirited

FILM | An hour of broody atmosphere and half an hour of silly revelation — that sums up Halle Berry's supernatural thriller "Gothika."

A decent cast, a creepy setting and an intriguing story idea ultimately go to waste as "Gothika" devolves into a muddle of twists.

Berry plays Miranda Grey, a psychologist who treats violent criminals at a prison psychiatric ward run by her hubby, Douglas (Charles S. Dutton).

Tautly paced opening sequences by director Mathieu Kassovitz and screenwriter Sebastian Gutierrez skillfully establish the gothic-castle feel of the dark, hulking prison and the key players: Pete Graham (Robert Downey Jr.), Miranda's puppy-eyed colleague; Sheriff Ryan (John Carroll Lynch), Douglas's fishing buddy; and Miranda's patient Chloe (Penelope Cruz), who rants that Satan stops by her cell to rape and torture her.

Driving home one rainy night, Miranda encounters a vision of a mutilated girl that bursts into flame. Three days later, Miranda wakes up in a cell at her own psych ward, accused of gruesomely killing her husband.

There's potential for a tingly descent into cloistered madness here, but the filmmakers don't know where to turn with the story after a handful of chilling manifestations as Miranda slowly uncovers the identity of the burning girl.

"Gothika" leaves behind ludicrous loose ends in terms of who actually did what. And from its tacked-on epilogue, the movie clearly exists in a realm where possession by spirits is a viable legal defense.

"The ability to repress is actually a vital survival tool," Miranda's husband tells her.

The key to surviving "Gothika": Repress the urge to buy a ticket. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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Shooting Turkeys in a Barrel

TELEVISION | Holiday movies are a crapshoot. For every "Christmas Story" there are dozens of failures. And it's time to make room on the pop-cultural trash pile for "National Lampoon's Thanksgiving Reunion" (Sun., 8 p.m., TBS).

Judge Reinhold stars as Mitch Snider, an insecure, sentimental Hollywood anesthesiologist. Semi-famous for being the gasman to the stars, Mitch is burdened with a wife and kids who are bratty shopaholics with no respect for the season.

Mitch jumps at the chance when Woodrow Snider (Bryan Cranston), a total stranger who claims to be his long-lost cousin, invites him for a family holiday. Wearing a frightful wig and garish outfits, Woodrow is a deluded hippie purist who moved his brood to the remote woods of Idaho. This "Lampoon" comedy is nothing to be thankful for.

Based on the beloved series of illustrated books by Kay Thompson, "Eloise at Christmastime" (Sat., 8 p.m., ABC) features lovely sets, eye-popping production values, the can't-miss wonder of glamorous Manhattan during the holidays, and Julie Andrews in the Mary Poppins-like role of a nanny with a cockney accent. What could go wrong?

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Eloise takes a turn around the dance floor, the better to show off her pout.

Plenty. But let's begin and end with Eloise (Sofia Vassilieva). Saddled with impossibly precious dialogue ("Oh, Nanny, is there anything more wonderful than Christmas in New York?"), the tiny tyrant screams nearly every line for two solid hours. She's a terror on the nerves.

The plot, such as it is, is pretty enjoyable fluff. But Eloise's over-the-top character seems better suited to a noisy musical comedy or as a half-hour cartoon.

But for a full-length movie, it's more grating than great. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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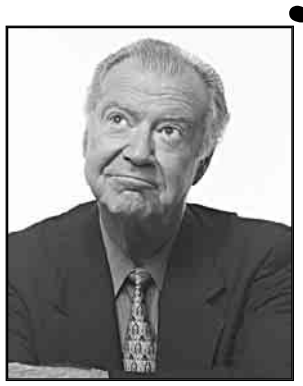

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MIRACLES, ANGELS, AND OTHER ANNOYANCES

FULL COURT MIRACLE (Fri., 8 p.m., Disney). The holidays are upon us; brace yourself for the bad holiday movies. First out of the box is this Disney treacle. I tend to gag whenever a movie has the word "miracle" or "angel" in the title. And I'm always the first one out of the room when movies try to make a timeless story groovy and relevant "for the kids."

That said, I was hardly prepared for the contrived, formulaic lameness of "Miracle," a movie that manages to mangle the ancient story of Hanukkah with a Capra-saccharine tale of a come-from-behind-victory by a ragtag Yeshiva basketball team.

And just when I thought I couldn't cringe any more, Disney informs us that "Miracle" includes music with a hip-hop beat that samples the traditional Hanukkah song "I Have a Little Dreidel." Gee whiz, kids — it's a hip-hop hoop-dreams Hanukkah!

FOX BROADCASTING

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CAN YOU REPEAT THAT, PLEASE?

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ALL STAR, 2-D

THE SIMPSONS (Sun., 8 p.m., Fox) The voices of Prime Minister Tony Blair, J.K. Rowling, Sir Ian McKellan, Jane Leeves and Evan Marriot guest star when the Simpsons go to England. A repeat episode (8:30 p.m.) follows.

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THE SPIKE 52: HOTTEST HOLIDAY GIFTS (9 p.m., Spike) Aisha Tyler hosts a shopping guide for dudes and the women who love them.

CULT CHOICE

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Reviews by The Washington Post's Libby Copeland, Desson Thomson, Ann Hornaday, Stephen Hunter, Michael O'Sullivan and Teresa Wiltz.

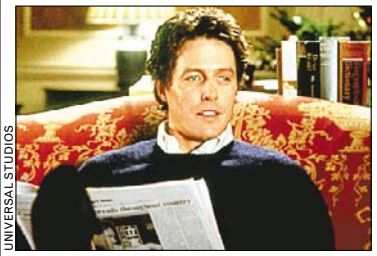
ELEPHANT (PG, 90 minutes) An understated, hypnotic stroke of brilliance. Gus Van Sant's fictional spin of the Columbine massacre builds with restraint but suspense-filled deliberation. There's an eerie realness to everything, thanks to the relaxed performances of the young first-time actors. (DT)

ELF (PG, 90 minutes) is the first and possibly the last Will Ferrell star vehicle. It's a clumsy, tedious ride that wears out its welcome as it wears out the seat of your pants and the circulation in your lower limbs. (SH)

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN (PG-13, 180 minutes) A slick, earnest, ultimately inert adaptation of the eponymous book of the Bible. As well-meaning as it is, the film comes off like a stiffly moving diorama. It brings no metaphorical or otherwise interpretive texture to its adaptation; it's simply a live-action illustration. (AH)

KILL BILL, VOL. I (R, 112 minutes) Quentin Tarantino's balletically bloody story of a skilled hit woman's (Uma Thurman) attempt to avenge the attack that put her in a four-year coma and killed her unborn child. This is the first half of what promises to be a majestic epic of violence as an abstract aesthetic. (DT)

LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION (PG, 90 minutes) The crazed and wonderful continuation of the great Warner Bros. cartoon tradition at feature-film budget and length is delightful, delicious and destructive. It makes the point, rich in philosophical and political meaning: It's Daffy Duck's world; we're just visiting. (SH)



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LOVE ACTUALLY (R, 135 minutes) Not all nine of this British film's interwoven love stories work, but more do than don't. This celebration of love in (almost) all its glory is mostly charming, with great performances by a huge British and American cast, including Laura Linney, Bill Nighy, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. (MO)

MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE WORLD (PG-13, 138 minutes) The much ballyhooed and ultra-handsome film comprises too many equal parts, and they tangle each other up. Everything is important, which comes to mean that nothing is important. It seems fated to disappoint everyone except the slick magazines that put it on their covers. (SH)

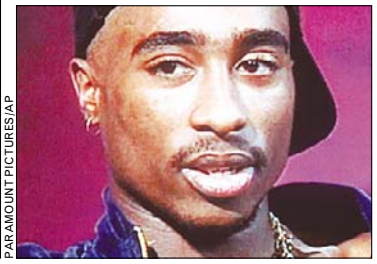
MYSTIC RIVER (R, 137 minutes) In Clint Eastwood's deeply textured drama, the sins (or perceived sins) of the past weigh heavily on the present. The film centers around three childhood friends, played in adulthood by Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon, and what happens to them when the daughter of one of the men is killed. (DT)

RUNAWAY JURY (PG-13, 120 minutes) Gene Hackman and John Cusack crackle with energy as a corrupt jury consultant and a rogue juror who appears to be willing to throw the verdict in a David-vs.-Goliath lawsuit brought against a gun manufacturer by a grieving widow. The film's moral ambiguity makes it a gripping, escapist thriller. (MO)

SCARY MOVIE 3 (PG-13, 90 minutes): Anything and everything is fair game in the quest to get a laugh in this latest send-up of horror movies and their contrivances. Kids are thrown out windows, crushed by speeding buses and seduced by pedophile priests. It's outrageous, offensive and really, really funny until it starts to wear out its welcome. (TW)

SHATTERED GLASS (PG-13, 94 minutes) Staff writer Stephen Glass (Hayden Christensen) is the toast of the New Republic magazine for his outlandish articles, until editor Charles Lane (Peter Sarsgaard) realizes that many of the pieces are fabrications. Director Billy Ray has painstakingly re-created the known highlights of Glass's career and made a fine cautionary tale about the culture of celebrity. (DT)

TUPAC: RESURRECTION (R, 110 minutes) A flash-edited, often frenetic assembly of home movies, news clips, MTV videos and stock footage set to Shakur's narration, the film is eerily true to its title, as it seemingly brings the gifted musician and actor back to life to deliver a revealing, moving and often contradictory posthumous autobiography. (AH)



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About the only problem the new Zara will have is a shortage of dressing rooms. The Spanish-based chain, which has stores in New York, Florida, Puerto Rico and now Georgetown, strives to help people get dressed in the morning. With coordinated blazers, coats, pants, blouses and skirts on every rack, as well as matching shoes and handbags, it will be a no-brainer for even the most fashion-challenged. Not only is there a large selection, the choices are affordable and change frequently, thanks to two new shipments a week. A recent Friday afternoon visit turned up Chanel-inspired boucle jackets and skirts, classic dress coats, puffy parkas in fun colors, ballet flats and pumps with kitten heels. A menswear section runs the gamut from suits to casual wear. JANET BENNETT (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

Popcorn Sold Separately

La-Z-Boy has just raised the curtain on its new Home Theater Collection, dubbed "Matinee." Featured are seven pieces that lock together and form an array of configurations, such as loveseats and double-tiered, stadium-style seating. Included are right and left one-arm recliners, a two-arm recliner, a console with storage drawer and stand-alone wedge. Seat cushions are set at a 15-degree angle, the ergonomically correct movie-watching position, and do not block stereo surround sound. Recliners are available, and can be extended to any position. Like choices? The collection offers 54 different leathers and 52 fabrics. Prices range from $299 for a console to $1,899 for a leather recliner. LORI SEARS (LATWP)

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Off the Shelf

Holiday Haute Couture

Hollywood Boulevard meets Seventh Avenue in this year's crop of fashion gift books, with the likes of Gwyneth and Halle edging out the Calvins and the Versaces, at least for the moment.

Designer Elsa Schiaparelli designed film costumes in the 1930s, but her fame extends far beyond Hollywood's borders. **SHOCKING! THE ART AND FASHION OF ELSA SCHIAPARELLI** (Yale University Press) was published in association with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which launched a Schiaparelli exhibit of the same name in September. The exhibit runs through Jan. 4, 2004.

The Italian-born designer is considered by many to be one of the style icons of the 20th century, and she collaborated with artists Salvador Dali and Alberto Giacometti in addition to costuming stars such as Mae West. Her 1920s and 1930s designs, acclaimed for their architectural silhouettes and their use of unconventional materials like colorful plastic zippers, are startlingly modern even today.

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF OSCAR FASHION (Reed Press) documents Hollywood's biggest night and features the top looks from every ceremony, from Grace Kelly's ice blue silk gown in 1955 to a micromini-clad Inger Stevens in 1967 and Cher's over-the-top black feather headdress in 1986.

If you want a fashion book with international flair, there are a couple of new choices.

MARIMEKKO FABRICS, FASHION, ARCHITECTURE (BGC Yale) tells the story of the influential Finnish design house founded in 1951 by husband and wife Arma and Viljo Ratia. "The Sari" (Berg) looks at the changing significance of the traditional dress of India, a garment made of hand-woven fabric that is intricately wrapped to fit each woman differently. Individual women's stories pepper the narrative, imparting a human element at a time when the garment's popularity is giving way to international pieces like jeans and T-shirts. ERIN HANAFY (AP)

People

CELEBUTANTES

Stop the Presses: Hilton Refuses to Be Taped

Socialite **PARIS HILTON**, star of an upcoming Fox reality series and an inadvertent Internet icon, has pulled out of her Nov. 26 interview with David Letterman. A spokesman for Hilton said the 22-year-old was scrapping all planned appearances to promote her TV show, "The Simple Life," to keep a lower profile because of the attention she's received from the Internet sex video circulating cyberspace. (AP)

PASSINGS

'Fame' Rebel Dies

GENE ANTHONY RAY, an actor and dancer best known for his roles in the 1980 movie "Fame" and its spin-off television series, has died. Ray, 41, died in Manhattan of complications from a stroke he had in June and was also HIV positive, his mother said. Like Leroy, the rebellious character he played in "Fame," Ray attended New York's High School of the Performing Arts, but the school was "too disciplined for this wild child of mine," his mother said. (AP)

RENE MACURA/CNN/AP

MILESTONES

A Wife for Each Decade

Newsman Mike Wallace, actor Sharon Stone and self-help guru Dr. Phil McGraw paid a visit to talk-show host **LARRY KING** during a live taping of his show Wednesday, to honor him on his 70th birthday. Joining the party were King's children and Court TV reporter Nancy Grace. (EXPRESS)

HEARSAY | PICK-UP LINES

"I want to shake them and say, 'C'mon, just like me! Do what I say!'"

—MONICA LEWINSKY
WHEN SHE GOES ON A DATE, SHE WANTS HIS COMPLETE ATTENTION

FRED PROUSER/REUTERS

"I brood, therefore I'm hot."

DEPP ANOINTED 'SEXIEST'

People magazine proclaimed Johnny Depp the sexiest man alive Thursday. The 10 runners-up are:

1 ..... Brad Pitt
2 ..... Ashton Kutcher
3 ..... George Clooney
4 ..... Lenny Kravitz
5 ..... Justin Timberlake
6 ..... Hugh Grant
7 ..... Russell Crowe
8 ..... Hugh Jackman
9 ..... Denzel Washington
10 ..... Colin Farrell

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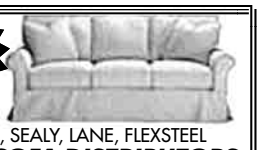
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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN REGARD to the Nov. 19 article concerning same-sex marriages ("Landmark Gay Marriage Ruling"), I do not understand why so many people are against the union of same-sex couples. Marriage is suppose to be based on love, and gender should not be an issue.

The only reason I've heard for wanting to ban same-sex marriages is that they will destroy the sanctity of marriage.

How can this be taken seriously in a culture where marriage has been turned into a joke? "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" and similar shows have illustrated what has become of the nature of marriage and how unimportant its real meaning is in today's world.

—MIKE PEDDLE
Alexandria, Va.

THE PHOTOS in the "EyeOpeners" section are nauseating. In the last few weeks you've featured a man lifting heavy weights with his ears, a woman whose face was grotesquely deformed by piercings, and a man with rattlesnakes stuffed in his mouth.

Enough, already! You're not opening eyes with those photos, you're turning stomachs.

—MARTY LEBOWITZ
Colesville, Md.

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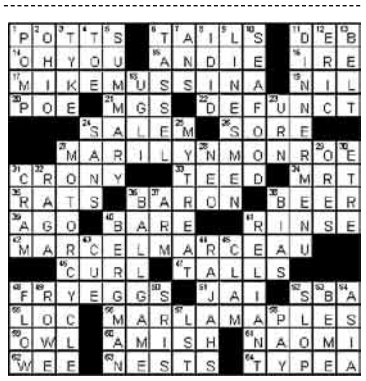

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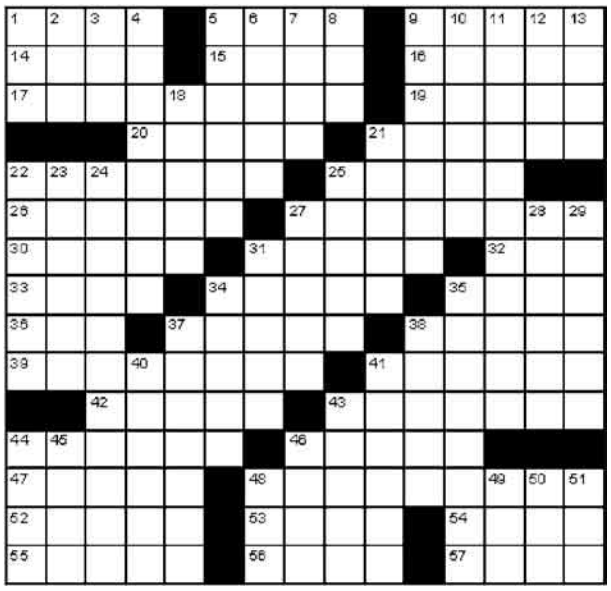

ACROSS
1 Humorist Bombeck
5 When doubled, it means quickly
9 Popular storage dump
14 Bit of derring-do
15 O'Neill, Charlie's wife
16 Put a hex on
17 Surfer's stop?
19 Paper source
20 Bar supply
21 Milk curdler
22 Raised the hackles
25 "M*A*S*H" extra
26 Remove the slack
27 It may be mixed
30 Perfume ingredient
31 Uses one of the senses
32 Navy noncom
33 The Concordes, when they flew
34 Kind of tissue
35 Langston Hughes, for one
36 Menlo Park monogram
37 Robert and Elizabeth of Kansas
38 Migratory goose
39 Land measurer
41 Either side of a door jamb
42 Jib and spanker
43 Affixes, in a way
44 Set afire
46 Out of bed
47 "Lemon Tree" singer Lopez
48 Desperate, as an effort
52 Plains abode
53 Spheric opening?
54 Beats by a nose
55 Chapter 11 filers
56 Drudge
57 Pesky biter

DOWN
1 Salamander
2 Prepare to drag
3 It's Big at the Golden Arches
4 They play in all the big games
5 Swindlers
6 Sharpened
7 Column to the left of the decimal point
8 Chum
9 Substituted for
10 Rutabaga, for one
11 Attire for private eyes, maybe
12 Words of understanding
13 "___ la vie!"
18 Broadcaster
21 Give it another shot
22 White Sands activity in the '40s
23 Bahamas capital
24 Street urchin
25 Butcher's wares
27 Just over a yard
28 Willing to try
29 Bad to the core
31 Signs of angels
34 Kitty, played by Ginger
35 Getting ready for the prom, perhaps
37 Zeus and Jupiter
38 Dyed indigo
40 Self-centered, and then some
41 Longtime Dodgers manager Walter ___
43 Thingamajig
44 "Tell ___ the judge"
45 Got taller
46 Designate PG-13
48 Locale for a small computer
49 10th anniversary material
50 Busy one in Apr.
51 Ike's predecessor

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may not begin the day feeling yourself, but later on you'll enjoy a fresh burst of energy and brief — but profitable — inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Your tendency toward over-involvement in the affairs of others must not lead you into any tricky emotional webs. Use your head.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Pleasure and profit go hand-in-hand. Concentrate on the one before you begin enjoying the other — and vice versa.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — That which seems the most trivial will prove the most essential in the end. Consider everything.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be called upon to step in and fill another's shoes unexpectedly. See to it that you don't come off as too cocky, arrogant.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may feel as though you are walking a tightrope in some sense, but your professional status, at least, is not at risk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may have to make up for lost time, and a quick start will serve you well. Take time to judge your progress at regular intervals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Put the emphasis on personal choice, despite the outcome. What is important at this time is that you exercise your independence and initiative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There is little room for error, particularly in social circles where what you say will have the greatest impact. Think things through.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — What happens around you will prove pivotal in the days to come — though it may all seem rather routine just now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What you've been doing for others for so long can be done for you — if you surround yourself with the right people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You are feeling independent and venturesome, but don't go it alone. Indeed, a friend or loved one wants to go along.

BUSH IN BRITAIN

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post foreign policy reporter **PETER SLEVIN** was online Thursday from London to discuss President Bush's state visit.

Why is President Bush so scared to be out in public during his visit to the U.K.? If he is truly helping the world then he should be with the people of the world and not isolate himself behind all this security.

Bombs have been exploding with disconcerting frequency. The risk of appearing in uncontrolled situations is one that the Secret Service is unwilling to take. The Daily Mirror, a London tabloid, assigned a reporter to see if he could be hired onto the royal staff at Buckingham Palace. The palace did only the thinnest research into his background, and he worked for two months in the royal quarters. That's just one thing that spooks the security people.

So what is the atmosphere over there with the British people and the government?

The Iraq war is unpopular, as the opinion polls about Prime Minister Tony Blair's fortunes show. It's anecdotal, of course, but I interviewed Londoners this afternoon who had not joined the march. While I found one man who favored the British role in Iraq, I spoke with many more who said they're not politicized by the conflict, yet feel the British are only losing as a result of the invasion and occupation.

What is the real agenda of the protestors in the U.K.? Do they really believe George Bush is bad and Saddam Hussein is good?

I doubt anyone was arguing that Saddam Hussein was good. Rather, the contention was that President Bush made the world less secure, rather than more, when he ordered the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq after Sept. 11 and may have violated international law, to boot, by going into Iraq without U.N. Security Council approval.

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1 P.M.: Cartoonist Berkeley Breathed, who returns to the comics pages Sunday with his strip "Opus" after a 10-year hiatus.

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